

# **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BRINGING THIRD-PARTY SERVICES INTO INSTANT MESSENGING SESSION**

## **ABSTRACT**

5    The invention provides a framework that allows a number of software application  
agents to be stacked on top of an instant messenger application. Each of the  
software application agents establishes a connection with a third-party Web service  
on the Internet or a local application in the user's computer. The user can share one  
or more third-party services or applications with other user(s) in an instant  
10    messaging session through the application agents.